Presentation to the

CP-18 Workshop

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Banner Marsh Prairie Reconstruction: My first Project

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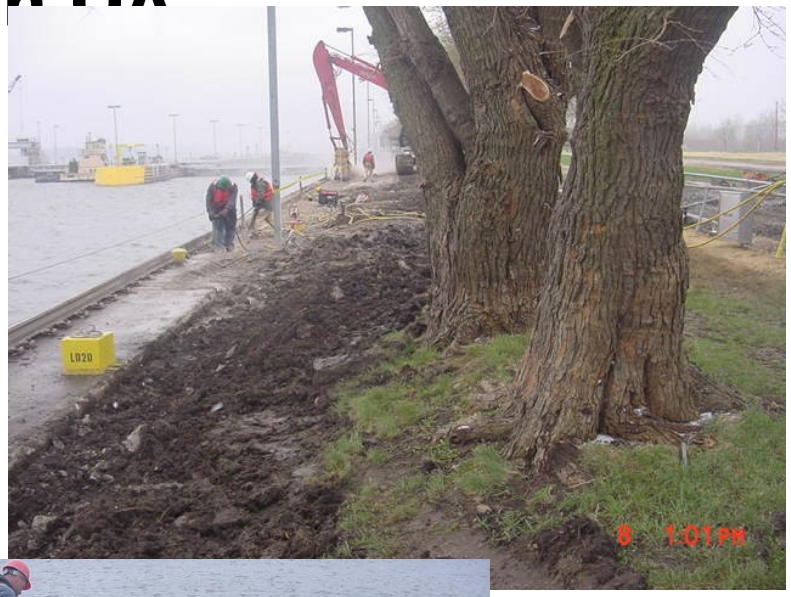
Horizontal Concrete L&D 20: My first Construction QA



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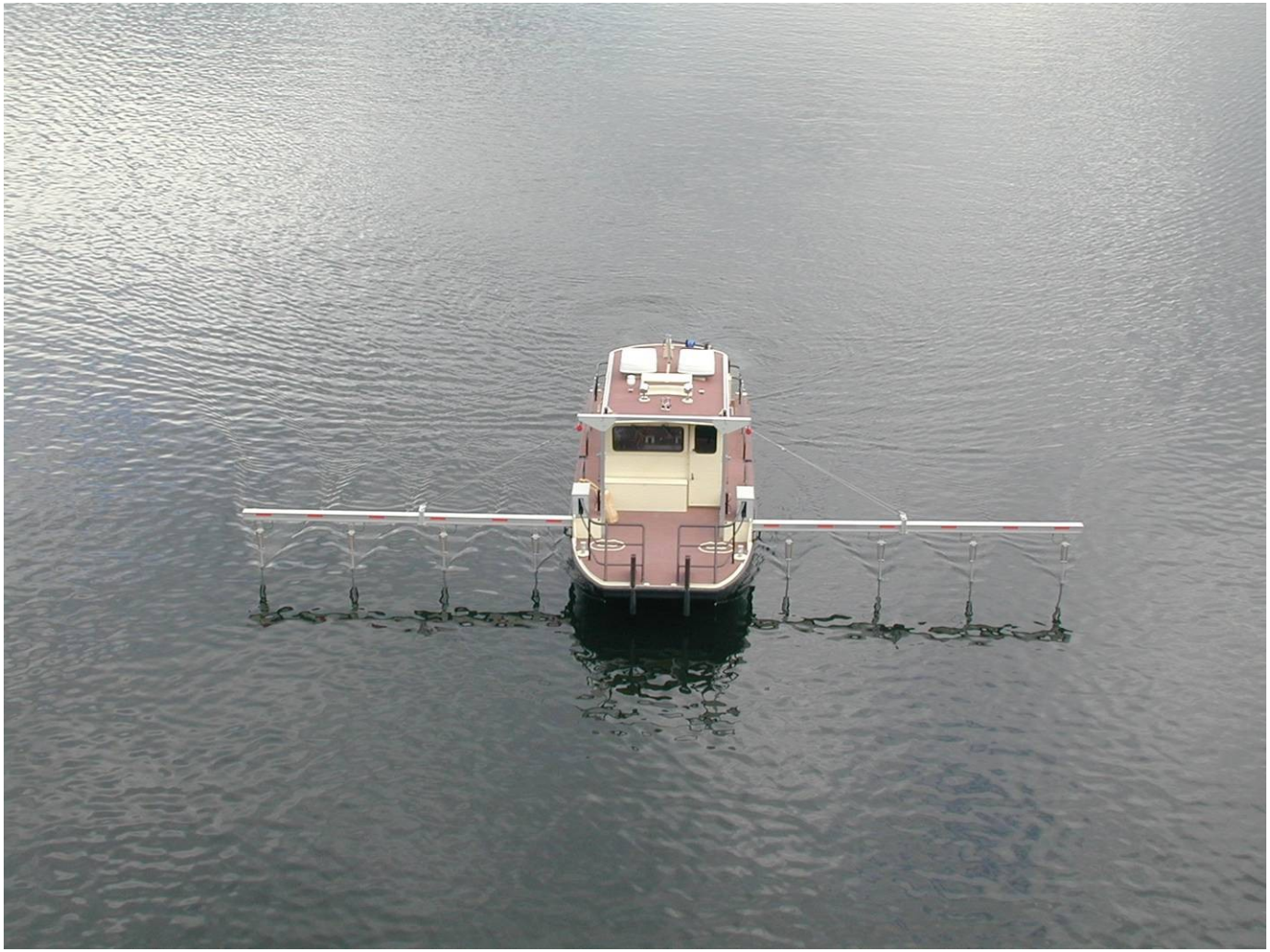
Three weeks of HydroSurvey on the Mississippi



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August 2nd 2004 “Loves Park” Dedication

32 years in the making.

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Third World: Why I did come to the Corps.

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- **Cons**
  - **First pay check: wrong SSN, overpaid $25,000.**
  - **Who do I go to lunch with in a new department?**
  - **GS-5/7/9 same work.**
  - **Projects take so long to get done.**
  - **“Intern” is misunderstood all the time.**

- **Pros**
  - **Met the people on the other end of the phone.**
  - **“Shut off” the Mississippi.**
  - **Accepted on Peoria Flood Team.**
  - **Was able to work on several “sides” of Banner Marsh.**
  - **Allowed to work to my abilities: Horizontal Concrete.**
  - **Time with Operations Division was exceptional.**
  - **Tour in Iraq.**